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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal  
For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS  
By: Kyu TAKADA, Yuichiro ORI, and Junji HASHIMURA  
Attorney Docket: 15162/06020

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, by Kyu TAKADA, Yuichiro ORI, and Junji HASHIMURA, inventors:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

### APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (29 pages, including 25 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (6 sheets) (Figs. 1-6C);
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (8 pages);

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (5) Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (7) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (8) Copies of six (6) cited references;
- (9) Assignment (3 pages) of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate);
- (10) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Priority Document No. 2003-120286 (28 pages); and
- (11) One return post card receipt for the following groupings of items: (1)-(4), (5), (6)-(8), (9), and (10).

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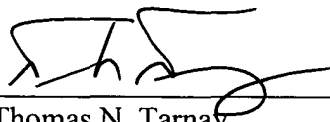
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